

House Resolution No. 4628

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Tom McNeely has enhanced his already impressive record of achievement by earning the title "Local Hero" with the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, which combines leadership development with mission based funding to organizations in order to address the most pressing needs of communities throughout the nation; and

Whereas, Tom McNeely became one of the five 2008 Local Heroes in light of his selfless work with Optimist Club of Saint Louis, the City Academy, the Youth and Family Center, Metropolitan School, Toastmasters, Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, and youth basketball and soccer teams; and

Whereas, a true community leader and volunteer, Tom McNeely has served on the boards of Optimist Club, the Youth and Family Center, and Metropolitan School and has been elected to club and district offices for the Optimists, including club president and East Missouri district governor, and as president of the South County Toastmasters; and

Whereas, Tom McNeely has developed and maintained an excellent reputation as a citizen who is always the first to volunteer, is enthusiastic, and is a true "agent of change"; and

Whereas, the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative is designed to recognize and reward individuals and groups who are making a difference in their communities; and

Whereas, the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative recognizes recipients in the three categories of Neighborhood Builders, Local Heroes, and Student Leaders; and

Whereas, Bank of America has donated in excess of \$90 million to 310 organizations since 2004 through the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Tom McNeely and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon being named as a 2008 Local Hero by the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Tom McNeely.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4628, adopted November 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker